

Family Justice Center Newsletter



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Hours of Operation
Mon day- Thursday
8am - 8pm
Friday 8am - 5pm

The mission of the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County is to improve the lives of family violence victims through community collaboration and the provision of comprehensive services in a single location.

The Family Justice Center has a new mural!

Meaghan Farrell Scalise of *Tada! Traditional and Digital Arts* donated her time and services to create a beautiful and serene underwater mural in our children's play room. *Tada!* creates exquisite decorative paintings, artistic finishes and custom murals for inspired clients in the Greater Tampa Bay area. For more information on *Tada!* or to see more of Meaghan's work, please visit www.e-tada.com.

Thanks Meaghan!

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Family Justice Center Volunteer Program

Cleaners Needed!!!!

The FJC is in need of volunteer cleaners to help with the cleaning of our conference and group room chairs.

Please contact Mona Cruz at:

mcruz@fjchc.org for more information.



Thank You Volunteers!

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Are YOU Interested in Volunteering at the
Family Justice Center?

The Family Justice Center is always looking for people who are willing to share their time and volunteer to help us provide a safe and comfortable environment for those we serve.

Please contact us at 813.935.2015

or info@fjchc.org for further
Information.



Family Justice Center Training Academy

*Nuts And Bolts: The Basics of Domestic Violence
Advocacy Training (12 CEU's)
March 2nd and 3rd and April 6th and 7th 2009
8:30am- 5:00pm*

This is a four part (FJC 101, 201, 301, 401), 2 Day training offered to advocates, volunteers, interns, clergy, and other community based providers who work with victims of domestic violence. Topics include, dynamics of domestic violence, safety planning, lethality assessment, confidentiality, boundaries, working with diverse populations, dating violence, and effects of domestic violence on children and adolescents.

*FJC Orientation for new On-Site Partners
March 16th, 2009 from 9:00 am-12:30pm*

Basic operational procedures of the FJC, and vital safety policies and procedures, equipment, and scheduling procedures between agencies.



**The Child Welfare Domestic Violence Cross-System
Training Series Presents:**

*Child Protection Investigations
March 11th, 11pm to 4pm, March 27rd 9am- 12pm
Facilitator: Marion Tarallo*

This class will provide basic information on how abuse reports are handled from the Florida Abuse Hotline thorough distribution to the field. Additionally, it will address the investigations process; Types of reports investigated, maltreatments, and mandated reporting.



The FJC
Training
Academy is
made possible
by the
Children's
Board of
Hillsborough
County.



Community Meetings

*FJC Partner Council

Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be on March 25th, 2009 at 9 am at the Family Justice Center.

*Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN)

Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on March 18th, 2009 at 9 am at the Family Justice Center. Contact Kristina Roberts at: kr Roberts@fjchc.org with any questions.

*Sexual Violence Task Force

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay. the next meeting will be March 25th, 2009 at Noon. Contact Barbara McCormick at: bmccormick@crisiscenter.com with any questions.

Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force Committee Meetings:

*Domestic Violence Task Force

March 12th, 2009 at 10:30a at the Crisis Center

*Project L.A.U.R.A

March 13th, 2009 at 3:00p at the Family Justice Center. Contact: Roseanne Cupoli at: rocupoli@thespring.org or 813-247-5433 ext. 309.

* Pet Shelter Committee

TBA at

Spring Administration, Contact Jim Brace at: jbrace@thespring.org or 813-247-5433 ext.339.

* Public Policy Committee

(working on DV and Child Welfare project). Contact Family Justice Center, Nikki Daniels at ndaniels@fjchc.org or 813-490- 9401, Committee Meeting , March 31st, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Family Justice Center.

* Community Education & Awareness Committee

April 9th 2009,10:30am, The Crisis Center. Contact: Donna Vento at: dmvento@thespring.org or 813-247-5433 ext. 315

*Faith Committee: TBA

Community Announcements



*Child Welfare and Domestic Violence
Cross-System Training Series is here!*

Please See Page 10 for more information about the series!

Partner Council Agency Spotlight

Our Partner Council Agency Spotlight for the month of February was The Centre for Women.

Established in 1977, The Centre for Women serves over 4,000 individuals and families in Hillsborough County each year. From substance abuse treatment and employment services for women, to family counseling, services for seniors, and programs for girls, the Centre ensures help is here for those who need it most.

This month's client spotlight is of Nicole Hogan, who is one of the eighteen graduates of the Centre For Women's **Building For Success** construction training program. The program is a six-week introduction to construction, safety and tools, and graduates receive a pre-apprenticeship certificate, which is a gateway to all construction trades. Nicole is a 38-year-old single mother, who before coming to the program worked a series of low-wage jobs. Nicole was determined to provide a better life for herself and her family so she enrolled in the construction-training program. She did not let the fact that she was the only woman in class dissuade her. She persisted even after facing unemployment, threats of domestic violence, and sometimes worrying about how she would pay her rent. After graduating, Nicole became employed in the nuclear energy field with Conco Systems. Nicole is currently working as a nuclear power technician, where she maintains the nuclear power transformer stations that provide the electrical power to neighborhoods all over the U.S. and Canada. Nicole is grateful for the opportunity the Centre For Women has given her and she returns to speak to each new class to talk about her job and to encourage them to stay focused and persevere. We thank the Centre for Women for their continued dedication and community to our community. Job well done!

FJC Calendar

March 2009

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|--|---|--|-----|---|-----|
| 1 | 2 Nuts and Bolts 8:30am – 5pm FJC | 3 Nuts and Bolts 8:30am – 5 pm FJC | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 CWDV Training CPI's 1pm FJC | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 FJC Orientation 9 am FJC | 17  | 18 SAIN 9 am FJC | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 CWDV Training CPI's 9am FJC | 28 |
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| | | | | | Legend: Date in Red = FJC Closed | |

Have any additions for next month's calendar? Please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator at outreachcoord@fjhc.org for more details.

FCADV REGISTRATION FORM



Batterer Intervention Program Regional Training

MARCH 13, 2009

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

EVENT LOCATION: RENAISSANCE VINOY HOTEL

ADDRESS: 501 5TH AVENUE NE, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701

REGISTRATION FEE: NONE*

Please register ONLINE at <http://www.fcadv.org/registration/>
or if not accessible via Internet:
Please Mail Completed Form to:
FCADV
425 Office Plaza Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Participant Information

NAME _____

TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____

WORK PHONE _____ EXT ____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

CEU INFORMATION:*

FOUR CEUS ARE OFFERED AT NO CHARGE TO CERTIFIED ASSESSORS AND LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WORKING FOR CERTIFIED BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAMS. ALL OTHERS CAN OBTAIN FOUR CEUS FOR A \$40.00 CHARGE, PAYABLE BY MAILING IN WITH THE REGISTRATION OR ON-SITE. PLEASE INDICATE BELOW IF YOU ARE SEEKING CEU'S AND IF YOU ARE AN ASSESSOR OR CERTIFIED BIP.

CEUS (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

CERTIFIED ASSESSOR OR BIP (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

Special services required

Accommodations, including American Sign Language interpreters, assistive listening devices, alternative formats, and real-time captioning will be provided for persons with disabilities. Call Amanda Morrison at 850-425-2749 for further information and/or special needs on or before **February 26, 2009**.

Substitution/Cancellation Policy

Requests for cancellation must be sent in writing to Tina Lafary at lafary_tina@fcadv.org and received no later than (March 2, 2009). Requests after this date will not be considered. Substitutes are permitted with prior notification in writing.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Event Code _____ Date Registration Received: __ / __ / __

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET



Batterer Intervention Program Regional Training

March 13, 2009

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

EVENT LOCATION: ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

HOTEL: RENAISSANCE VINOY HOTEL

EVENT DESCRIPTION: **BATTERER AS PARENT.** THIS IS THE LAST IN A SERIES OF FOUR REGIONAL WORKSHOPS.

DAVID ADAMS, ED.D, noted author and Co-founder of Emerge Counseling Center in Boston, MA is the presenter.

Emerge was established in 1977, as the first counseling program in the nation for men who abuse women. Dr. Adams has led groups for men who batter for 32 years and has led parenting education classes for fathers for 6 years. He is one of the nation's leading experts on men who batter and has conducted trainings of social service and criminal justice professionals in 41 states and 12 nations. He has published numerous articles and book chapters, including "Identifying the Assaultive Husband in Court: You Be the Judge," published in the Boston Bar Journal. Dr. Adams is a Commissioner on the Massachusetts Governor's Council on Sexual and Domestic Violence and Director of the National Danger Assessment Training Project. His book, *Why Do They Kill? Men Who Murder Their Intimate Partners* was published by Vanderbilt University Press in September 2007.

***THERE IS NO CHARGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRAINING; HOWEVER, WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU REGISTER PRIOR TO THE EVENT. PLEASE REFER TO THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR INFORMATION ON CEUs.**

FCADV SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**Batterer Intervention
Program Regional Training**



FCADV
Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

March 13, 2009

Please complete one form per person

SCHOLARSHIPS:

SIX \$100.00 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRAINING. THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MUST BE STAFF OF A CERTIFIED BATTERER'S INTERVENTION PROGRAM OR A CERTIFIED ASSESSOR.

DEADLINE: TO BE CONSIDERED YOU MUST APPLY BY MARCH 2, 2009. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS, WITH CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO CENTERS REGISTERING MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL.

LIMITATIONS: SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE CERTIFIED BATTERER'S INTERVENTION PROGRAM AFTER THE EVENT AND ON THE CONDITION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDED THE ENTIRE TRAINING.

PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY.

NAME _____

TITLE _____


ORGANIZATION _____

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:

DATE OF REQUEST _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS FROM CENTER ATTENDING _____

HOW TO APPLY:

1. FAX: (850) 425-3091 
2. Register by **MAIL** with registration form:

FCADV
425 Office Plaza Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301

OFFICE USE ONLY

Event Code _____

Date Received: __ / __ / __

Scholarship Application Rec'd: Yes No (Circle One)

CHILD WELFARE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CROSS-SYSTEM TRAINING SERIES

Mission Statement:

The Hillsborough County System of Care is committed to the prevention and elimination of domestic violence in our community. We will increase public awareness and community involvement while encouraging local community leaders and other key service providers to support efforts to change the conventional policies and cultural practices that perpetuate violence against men, women and children. We will work to ensure policy and procedures support victims and hold offenders accountable.

Vision Statement:

To create a culture shift to eradicate domestic violence in our community while overcoming obstacles and challenges through advocacy, education and training.

Statement of Philosophy:

Domestic Violence is a choice made by persons who strive to achieve power, control, and gratification through the manipulation of another person. This is obtained through a variety of abuse, such as, emotional, physical, sexual, psychological and economic. It is the objective of this training series to educate the community to further understand these types of victimization. Clarifying this would promote better and more meaningful supports and services. This is accomplished through:

- Training at the community and local level
- Dissemination of a variety of education materials
- Challenge system wide beliefs through multi-disciplinary collaborations



Cross-system Training Series

Dynamics of Domestic Violence – (also known as **domestic abuse** or **spousal abuse**) occurs when a family member or intimate partner dominates another through coercion, threats or physical abuse. This course will provide a basic understanding of the dynamics of power and control, forms of abuse and ways in which community members can intervene to provide safety and support to survivors. ***3 CEU's***

October 8, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm, October 24 from 9am to noon
Facilitators: Mona Cruz -Family Justice Center, Jim Brace- The Spring

Resource Fair – This is similar to a job fair, but with providers and agencies within our community. There are company booths set up and anyone interested can come and learn about services and opportunities within the HKI System of Care.

October 21, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm at the DCF Auditorium

Effects of Family Violence on Children – This course will examine normal developmental milestones in young children and the potential impact of family violence on children's learning, health and behavior. Family violence includes the impact of domestic violence in the family as well as the impact of child abuse. ***3CEU's***

November 12, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm, December 5, 2008 from 9am to noon
Facilitators: Mona Cruz-Family Justice Center, Brian McEwen-Child Abuse Council,
Andrew Sherrod-The Spring

Safety Planning and Lethality Assessment – This class will assist with discovering the links between an abusive partner's behaviors and gauging the level of threat a particular victim faces, taking steps to increase personal security before and after violence and preparing to get to a safe place. The class will also explore safety planning from the child welfare perspective. The safety plan is a specific course of action that is determined necessary to control threats of serious harm or supplementing a family's protective capacities implemented immediately when a family's protective capacities are not sufficient to manage immediate or serious harm threats. ***3 CEU's***

January 14, 2009 from 1pm to 4 pm, January 23, 2009 from 9am to noon
Facilitators: Mona Cruz - Family Justice Center, Roseanne Cupoli- The Spring,
Kathleen Matthews- HCSO/CPID

Hillsborough Kids, Inc. – This class will address the Florida Statute Chapter 39 as it pertains to our children coming into care. Discussion will include the process for when the children are in care, such as, how and what is developed in terms of the case plan where the parents will need to follow in hopes of gaining back their children, how the adoption process works when the parents do not follow the case plan or abandon the children, and what resources our community has to support these families by providing assistance to the parents and reducing the risk of harm to the children.

*February 11, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, February 27 from 9am to noon
Facilitator: John Luff - Hillsborough Kids*

Child Protective Investigations – The class will provide basic information on how abuse reports are handled from the Florida Abuse Hotline through distribution to the field. Additionally, it will address the investigations process; types of reports investigated, maltreatments, and mandated reporting.

*March 11, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, March 27, 2009 from 9am to noon
Facilitator: Marion Tarallo - Hillsborough County Sherriff's Office*

The Court System – Criminal prosecution of domestic violence and child abuse/neglect cases will be discussed along with granting civil injunctions for protection and enforcing them, juvenile dependency court process, and family law (establishing paternity, custody, visitation, support and obtaining a divorce).

*April 8, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, April 24, 2009 from 9am to noon
Facilitators: Henry Hower and Ann Arledge – Bay Area Legal Services,
David Silverstein– Office of the Attorney General*

Mental Health and Trauma – This class is designed to assist service providers with identifying mental health issues among families they serve. Appropriate referrals, crisis intervention strategies, and information regarding work with survivors of trauma will also be addressed. The concepts of resiliency and the journey from victim to survivor to thriver will also be explored. ***3CEU's***

*May 13, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, May 22, 2009 from 9am to noon
Facilitator: Danielle Mercuri, Camille Francis and Angela Torres– Crisis Center*

Substance Abuse – This training is designed to assist service providers with identifying substance abuse and intervention strategies. Effects of substance abuse on children and considerations to be taken when working with substance abusing survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence will also be discussed. ***3 CEU's***

*June 10, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, June 26, 2009 from 9am to noon
Facilitator: Linda Mann– DACCO, Carali McLean– Central Florida Behavioral Health
Network*

Cultural Competency – The focus of this training is to understand how domestic violence crosses over all socio economic classes, races, and ethnicity. Helping child welfare participants to make better decisions about how domestic violence impacts families & children and understand how cultural issues impact family acceptance of service. Helping others gain a better understanding of cultural competency and domestic violence.

July 8, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, July 24 from 9am to noon
Facilitator: Niki Kelly– Gulf Coast and Jewish Family Services,
Henry Hower– Bay Area Legal Services

Understanding Batterers and Batterers Intervention Programs – This training will focus on understanding the Model used in psycho-educational treatment and the learning how to increase communication between BIP providers and child welfare professionals. Additionally, participants will look at how domestic violence impacts our society as a whole. ***3CEU's***

August 12, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, August 28, 2009 from 9am to noon
Facilitator: Daniel Hersey

Compassion Fatigue – This class focuses on how exposure to family violence affects those in the helping professions. Discussion will consist of coping and adapting measures to assist in the prevention of burn-out. ***3CEU's***

September 9, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, September 25 from 9am to noon
Facilitator: Michael Rank - USF

About the Series

The Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Training series is designed for all staff who works in the child welfare and/or domestic violence systems In Hillsborough County. It is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of issues facing families impacted by child welfare and domestic violence issues. The goal is to help all professionals understand the complex issues of both child welfare and domestic violence advocates, and begin to develop a common understanding and language.

All training sessions listed above will be offered twice in the same month, to allow as many staff as possible to attend. It will also be posted at www.centerforchildwelfare.org for viewing after the last training in the month is offered. This is to allow as many staff as possible to benefit from this training.

Each training session is offered at the Family Justice Center, 9309

North Florida Ave, Suite 109, Tampa FL 33612. Please go to

www.fjhc.org, go to the main site and click “events” to register.

Registration is free, CEU’s are available for courses indicated above.